

# CITY OF HURST ANIMAL SERVICES

## ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

### POLICY

An Individual, 18 yoa or older, may adopt an animal from the City of Hurst Animal Shelter under the following conditions:

- (a) The animal has been classified as adoptable by Hurst Animal Services,
- (b) The prospective adopter has proper facilities and means to care for the animal,

### PROCEDURE

- A. The prospective adopter will satisfactorily fill out questionnaire/application.
- B. The prospective adopter will present a valid form of identification.
- C. The prospective adopter will provide proof of residency.
- D. The prospective adopter will provide pet agreement from landlord (if renting).
- E. The prospective adopter will pay necessary fees.
- F. The prospective adopter will provide proof that animal has been vaccinated and sterilized as set out in the agreements \*if applicable.**
- G. **All** adoptions are subject to approval by the Supervisor of Animal Services.

HURST ANIMAL SHELTER  
APPLICATION/QUESTIONNAIRE

Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What types and number of pets do you own at the present time?

BREED	SEX	SPAYED/NEUTERED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you no longer have the pet(s), please explain what happened to it/them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what you are looking for in a pet. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the following about your household:

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household have allergies to animals? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_?

House \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_

Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Duplex \_\_\_\_\_

Will this animal be kept inside or outside? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared for the basic costs involved in maintaining this pet? (Annual shots, check-ups, preventive care, grooming, flea/tick products, special foods, unexpected illnesses or accidents, etc) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

HURST ANIMAL SHELTER  
STERILIZATION AND VACCINATION AGREEMENT

Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* The following applies only if the animal adopted is not of sufficient age for these procedures to be performed prior to adoption.

As the adopter, I understand and agree that I will have the above described animal **STERILIZED** vaccinated against **RABIES** and will present proof of sterilization and Rabies Vaccination to the Hurst Animal Shelter. Adopted dogs and cats must be vaccinated for Rabies upon reaching the age of 4 months and must be sterilized upon reaching the age of 6 months.

**I understand that rabies vaccination and sterilization of this pet is required under Chapters 826 and 828 respectively, of Texas Health and Safety Code. Violation of these requirements is a criminal offense punishable as a Class C Misdemeanor.**

**Confirmation of Sterilization:** As the adopter, I shall deliver to the Hurst Animal Shelter, a letter signed and dated by the veterinarian who performed the sterilization. This letter will be delivered no later than seven (7) days after the date the pet was sterilized.

**Confirmation of Rabies Vaccination:** As the adopter, I shall deliver to the Hurst Animal Shelter proof of rabies vaccination no later than seven (7) days from the date of vaccination. A letter signed and dated by the vaccinating veterinarian or a copy of the official rabies vaccination certificate will constitute proof.

As the adopter, I understand that if the pet dies or is lost before the sterilization completion date, I must deliver to the shelter a signed letter describing the circumstances. This letter must be delivered no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the pet's death or disappearance.

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**STERILIZATION AND RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY:**

**\*\*\*this applies only if the animal adopted is not of sufficient age at the time of adoption for these procedures to be performed.**

**RABIES COMPLETION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STERILIZATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand and agree to accept, citations for failure to provide confirmation of sterilization and/or vaccination for the above animal if these requirements are not completed by the above dates. I agree to pay court costs and reasonable fees incurred by the City of Hurst in enforcing this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopter

## Texas Health and Safety Codes

Initials\_\_\_\_\_ Section 826.021-Vaccination of Dogs and Cats Required:

- (a) Except as provided as board rule, the owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against Rabies by the time the animal is four months old and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule.

Initials\_\_\_\_\_ Section 826.022 - Vaccination; Criminal Penalty:

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person fails or refuses to have each dog or cat owned by the person vaccinated against Rabies and the animal is required to be vaccinated under:
  - (1) Section 826.021 and board rules, or
  - (2) Ordinances or rules adopted under this chapter by a county or municipality within whose jurisdiction the act occurs.
- (b) An offense under this section is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Initials\_\_\_\_\_ Section 828.003 – Sterilization Agreement:

- (b) The sterilization completion date contained in the sterilization agreement must be:
  - (1) the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of adoption in the case of an adult animal;
  - (2) the 30<sup>th</sup> day after a specified date estimated to be the date an adopted infant female animal becomes six months old or an adopted male animal becomes eight months old; or
  - (3) if the releasing agency has a written policy recommending sterilization of certain infant animals at an earlier date, the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date contained in the written policy.

Initials\_\_\_\_\_ Section 828.009 – Reclamation:

- (a) A releasing agency that does not receive a letter under Section 828.005, 828.006, or 828.007, after the expiration of the seventh day after sterilization completion date agreed to under Section 828.002 may promptly reclaim the animal from the new owner.
- (b) A person may not prevent, obstruct, or interfere with reclamation under this section.

HURST ANIMAL SHELTER  
ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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The pet described above is being adopted, as a companion animal and it will not be given away, sold, loaned, leased, or otherwise disposed of. If the adopter cannot keep the above pet it will be returned to the Hurst Animal Shelter.

This pet will be provided with adequate food, water, and shelter at all times. It will be kept in a safe humane manner and will receive medical care as needed.

It is highly recommended that this pet be taken promptly to a veterinarian for a physical examination.

**Refund Policy:** If an adopter returns the animal to the animal shelter within 10 days from the adoption, a full refund will be given or the pet may be exchanged for a different pet. If the animal is returned after 10 days, and before 30 days a partial refund of \$25 will be given to the adopter.

As the adopter, I understand that the Hurst Animal Shelter has made no guarantees regarding the nature, disposition, or health of this animal. I agree to assume all risk and responsibility of ownership of this animal once it is in my possession. The Hurst Animal Shelter shall be held harmless from any and all liabilities, which may arise in connection with this pet and its adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Shelter Staff